

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7-21 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended herein. This Response, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated February 24, 2009, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Preliminary Matters

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that the rejections and objections set forth in the previous office action have been withdrawn.

Status Identifiers

In the office action, the Examiner requests that that the “:” in the status identifiers should be deleted. As a path of least resistance, Applicant has deleted the “:” from the status identifies as requested.

Specification Objections

In the office action, the Examiner objects to the specification and requires that it be amended to include a specific reference to the International Application as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(i). Merely as a path of least resistance, Applicant has amended the specification to provide reference to the international application of which the present application is the national stage. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to certain informalities in claim 1. Claim 1 has been appropriately amended herein and Applicant respectfully submits that all of the informalities

have been corrected. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

In the current office action, the Examiner rejects claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112 because claim 4 depends from cancelled claim 2. Claim 4 has been amended herein to depend from claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the Examiner's concerns have been addressed and requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS payment screen. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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